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AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

AMCONSUL QUEBEC

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: ENRG, CA

SUBJECT: LA PRADE HEAVY WATER PLANT

REF: MONTREAL 2006

1. AS RESULT OF COMPROMISE REACHED BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, CONSTRUCTION OF LA PRADE HEAVY WATER PLANT AT BECANCOUR, QUEBEC WILL CONTINUE. AS REPORTED REFTEL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAD THREATENED TO HALT CONSTRUCTION OF LA PRADE PLANT IF QUEBEC DID NOT COMMIT ITSELF TO CONSTRUCTION OF THREE NUCLEAR REACTORS. QUEBEC HAD AGREED TO BUILD ONE PLANT, GENTILLY III, BUT REFUSED TO GIVE ANY COMMITMENT ON ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION DURING TWO-YEAR MORATORIUM PERIOD RECENTLY IMPOSED ON NUCLEAR CONSTRUCTION BY PQ GOVERNMENT.

2. UNDER AGREEMENT ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY, QUEBEC MAINTAINED ITS REFUSAL TO UNDERATKS COMMITMENT ON FURTHER NUCLEAR CONSTRUCTION, BUT AGREED INSTEAD TO BUY ABOUT 1,440 METRIC TONS OF HEAVY WATER PRODUCED BY LA PRADE, ENOUGH TO CHARGE GENTILLY III AND TWO MORE REACTORS. FOR ITS PART, OTTAWA AGREED TO RE-PURCHASE BET-  
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WEEN 1990 AND 1995 ANY PORTION OF HEAVY WATER NOT UTILIZED BY QUEBEC.

3. LA PRADE IS SCHEDULED TO COME ON STREAM IN EARLY 1982 AND WILL REACH ITS 800-TON A YEAR CAPACITY BY 1984. DURING PEAK CONSTRUCTION IN LATE 1978, BETWEEN 1200-1400 WORKERS WILL BE EMPLOYED AT LA PRADE SITE. CONTINUATION OF PROJECT WAS THERE-

FORE OF INTEREST TO QUEBEC, WHERE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY HAS BEEN  
SLOW IN AREAS OTHER THAN JAMES BAY HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECT.  
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